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Special points of interest:

- Mark McNamara's adventure through Africa for KTD195
- Food For Life Project
- Climate Change Project



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Kwara's Comments

Hi All, how are you? I hope that life is treating you well and that God is blessing you out of your socks.

This quarters newsletter has some interesting features including an article from Mark McNamara and Australian (yes you cant escape us) who in response to reading about you in the newsletters and going to our website, has decided to go on a marathon cycling ride from Kampala in Uganda to Cape Town covering over 7,000kms throughout most of 2012 to raise funds for Keep The Dream196.

Please pray for protection for Mark as he will be alone travelling through difficult and sometimes dangerous areas in Africa,

this article is inside and a map of his route in on the back. When he comes to Tzaneen he will be coming to visit a number of Packs and Troops late in 2012, so be ready.

We have run two awareness campaigns this year firstly the Climate Change Campaign, please write to me and tell me what you have learnt, what you have enjoyed and what you didn't enjoy so that we can publish your letters and improve the work for next year.

Secondly, we have been auditing the numbers of children who have enabling documents and raising awareness about the changes with Home Affairs. Just to remind you, in

January 2012 if you are over 17yrs of age and do not have your 13digit ID document you will be required to travel to Pretoria for 2 interviews to prove you are a South African citizen, this is very costly. Please make sure that you have your ID, it is going to be part of your Scout Advancement.

A final word, to all our Matriculants this year, GOOD LUCK and GOD BLESS. As the exams get closer know we are lifting you up and praying for your success. As Scouts we know you have worked hard to Be Prepared. Please let us know your results and the where you will be going to study

Love and Blessings

Kwara na Akela Zabe x

AN ODE TO DREAMERS - Nhlanhla Khoza

KEEP DREAING....hold fast to your dreams...For if your dreams die, your life will be like a bird with broken wings, that cannot fly...We all have been given talents of paramount value...GOD bestowed them in us...Your duty is to find yours and polish them to shine like pearls, by putting them to good use...

Live your life in order....Take each and every step carefully, move as slow as a chameleon, for you will have time to make wise decisions...As we dream everyday, lets make time to wake up and make dreams a reality.

I Believe that successful are those who dream and work hard to achieve.

Never let circumstances determine your future...negate every negativity to a positivity. Many obstacles will come your way but be a ganda_ganda that squashes each and every obstacle that comes your way to success. Let each and every endurance be a motivation and an inspiration that gives you aspiration to go forward because what doesn't kill a human makes him stronger. In case of falls, wake up, feast in defeat and aim to conquer. If one lets go of his dreams he rolls like a barrel with no quality nor quantity..

HOLD FAST TO YOUR DREAMS,

HOLD TIGHT TO THEM, FOR IF DREAMS DIE, LIFE WILL BE LIKE A BIRD WITH BROKEN WINGS...That can not fly...

HOLD FAST TO THEM!

Nhlanhla Khoza

Nghonyama Rover Crew



Food For Life Project—Kwara

Did you know that over 800 Scouts and 600 cubs have been building their own door sized gardens in their homes our around their communities for the last 2 years? Children from Sedan to Zhangoma, Gally to Burgersdorp, Lephepane to Fobeni, all over gardens are appearing.



Cubs from 1st Joppie Pack (which is run by a Scout Troop with Astrid as their Pack leader) receiving their Food For Life badge for completing Phase 1 of the challenge. Joppie is run by Astride and her Scout Troop—Astrid is 15yrs of age.

The children are serious about their program and they continue to grow and develop with out regular assistance from adults. All cubs and Scouts have successfully



participated in the Food For life project.



The Food For Life project also forms part of the Climate Change project which is mentioned in more detail on page 4. In this photo cubs from 1st Nyanyukani show off their badge from completing phase 1 of the project. The children have learnt about mulching, composting and recycling rubbish and water from their homes to create the compost and a water source which saves the planets precious water resources.



Cubs from 1st Mbhekwana Drop In Centre have been assisted with their program by 1st Shiluvane Scout Troop. The Drop In Centre is the wooden structure seen behind the children. This Centre has no resources, (not even one chair), a roof that leaks and yet the children come daily to receive a meal and participate in the Cub program.



“Because now I know how to deal with my problems instead of running from them”



Lucky Maole - 1st Ramotshinyadi Scout Troop

Sometimes you can think that to be a SCOUT is a big issue, but NO! Its not.

I enjoy to be part of this organization. Step 1 was hard but now it is very easy and simple to me, all we do is our best as Scouts (Be Prepared). It has brought a hope to my life. It has taught me that every issues has a solution and now I

know how to deal with problems. If I have a problem I fix it because if you run away, when you come back you get it the way you left it.

GLORY to KEEP THE DREAM TEAM! You have changed many youths lives in many places and I hope God can bless all this great job you have done “KEEP IT UP”



Bike Africa - Mark McNamara

When I read a book by Nelson Mandela, I learnt how South Africans lived when the country was recently divided by greed. This meant one group of people could determine the condition for other peoples lives.

Later, I read about some amazing things Scouts have been doing in Limpopo: developing yourselves, caring for others and learning to be leaders while having fun. When Tsako Ngobeni wrote, “I am proud to be a Scout and I like the way I

important Scouts has been in your lives.

Khanyisa Mabuza wrote, “Being a Scout has had a huge impact on my life because it changed the way I think, the way I look at people and the way I look at myself.” This shows you are the NEW SOUTH AFRICA that Nelson Mandela hoped for. You are learning to determine the condition of your own lives through knowledge, skills and respect.

Your Story is a story of hope; and that is an important story for South African and the whole

world.

I decided to share my admiration of your journey by going on a journey of my own; riding a bicycle from Uganda to Cape Town South Africa. By telling people about the bike ride, I hope to raise money for Keep The Dream 196 to help you continue your journey. Its not much compared to what you are doing but I hope you will accept my journey a small tribute to determination, persistence and success.

I begin cycling early next year

and hope to reach Tzaneen by August. I cant wait to meet you and see how well you are doing

Sincerely Mark McNamara



The Transformation of my Life in Scouts - Rivoningo Ngobeni

Engaging myself in scouting was a new routine of great transformation in me but this transformation was slightly different from other scouts transformations. Neither the word liar nor rude could be used to describe who I was though I was not yet a scout.

Well the word "shy" was the word that dwelt in me. When I became an official member of scouts from the day of investiture in 2005 my eyes were widely opened and I realised that at school we don't learn everything

about conducting ourselves in a dignified manner.

Since my eyes were opened I have seen that living without self confidence will get you nowhere but just to leave yourself envying your peers as they are conducting informative sessions and interesting games in scouts.

The challenge of being lead by peers made me to develop enthusiasm to grasp such skills and desire for leading other scouts. Thus I made it to be my will and goal to be a patrol leader and that

was accomplished.

Leading other scouts would not have been simple if we had not strived to obey the laws including the two special laws as we have promised to do so from the day of investiture. That has built my self confidence to such an extend that Nhlanhla Khoza and I could write poems and render them in some very big ceremonies held in our area.

Ceremonies such as Nwamitwa day, the official opening of our new school Sevengwana (in

the presence of former President Kgalema Motlante, Chief Nwamitwa and other parliament officials).

Since great things are not done by impulse but by a series of small pieces brought together, here I am as a rover willing to help other scouts to more.....

By Rivoningo Ngobeni -
Nghonyama Rover Crew



Being A Scout - Karabo Manyama 1st Radoo

Scouts made my behaviour good and I started to believe that Scouts is alive because being a Scout is a rain without many clouds and a scout is like a sea. Scouts made my life to become easy because in the past I was looking like a tree without leaves.

Scouts made me to become a respectful person in my

life. When I joined Scouts I was thinking that I was stupid but now I can see that I am clever, better than those who are not going to Scouts.

When I joined Scouts it was on 22February 2010, I asked Muxe the one who started Scouts a long time ago "what's happening in Scouts?" So he explained

everything to me and I started to see that if you go to school its like the same like when you got to Scouts because in Scouts you gain more knowledge. So my advice is if you did not start to got to Scouts just go and see what's happening there because if you have started to sit at home without going to Scouts you are like tree without leaves, Useless!



**"Scouts is where we
learn and become useful
to others"**

The Impact of HIV AIDS on the young People of South Africa - Muxe Ramaano 1st Radoo

Our Country is characterized by HIV & AIDS, no matter how, HIV & AIDS is there – we are proudly South Africans living with possibilities.

If one family member is infected we are all affected.

If one classmate is infected we are all affected.

If one parent is infected we are all affected.

If one child is infected we are all affected.

The whole country is affected but proudly we are supporting each other.

Government gives grants, free education and protection. If NGO's, business and others would work together to promote the nation we will make it.'

Working TOGETHER with Two Hands we can do MORE!

HIV & AIDS the only thing I know is that we wont quit because those who quit will never win but those who win will never quit!

One way to beat HIV & AIDS is to get tested and know your status. If you know your status you can protect yourself and others. If you don't know you are ignorant and will be defeated. We do not quit regardless as to our status, we will win!



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Bike Africa Route - Where Mark is going to cycle and when in 2012

JAN	
FEB	Uganda
MAR	Rwanda
APR	Tanzania
	Zambia
	Tanzania
MAY	Malawi
JUN	Mozambique
	Zimbabwe
JUL	South Africa
AUG	Swaziland
SEP	South Africa
	Lesotho
OCT	
NOV	South Africa
DEC	



Cubs Corner - Climate Change

This year we have been running a program called Climate Change where Cubs, Scouts and Rovers from Greater Tzaneen (and the whole country) have been learning about what climate change is and how to help our families, communities and nations better handle the effects of this problem.

Cubs were encouraged to participate in recycling programs and learn about proper litter disposal rather than just throwing litter on the ground.



Cubs from 1st Mawa show off their birds made from recycled paper



In August 2011 we held a Climate Change Fun Day where Cubs, Scouts & Rovers from Nkowankowa, Shiluvane and Julesburg came together for day of learning supported by local high schools from Greater Tzaneen. The schools included The Kings Court Christian School, Merensky High School and Hip2B2 an NGO started by Mark Shuttleworth (first South African in Space) to promote math, physics and chemistry in rural schools particularly.

The children were able to make electricity using pedal power and water wheels.



One students project measured the amount of ozone emissions in Kgapane a village near Greater Tzaneen.



Thank you to all the Rovers that helped on the day smoothly co-ordinate the activities making sure that everyone was entertained and being well cared for. Thank you also to the participating schools that made the day such a success. Later in 2011 and early in 2012 we will be planting some trees donated by the Dept of Forestry to be a lasting reminder of Climate Change and what we can do to reverse the impact of global warming.